



City of Chaska

Memorandum

To: Heritage Preservation Commission
From: Melissa Duchinsky, City Planner
Date: February 1, 2011
Subject: Minutes from January 25, 2011, HPC meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Vice-Chair Bohn.

HPC members present: Debbie Boe, Mark Kalscheuer, Steve Mueller, Joyce Bohn, Patricia Merker, Frank Lisa and

HPC members absent: Steve Herrmann

Staff present: Melissa Duchinsky, City Planner

2. Adopt the Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Boe, second by Commissioner Herrmann, to add an agenda item (Jonathan Historic District) as #5 and the reorder the remaining agenda items.

Motion carried.

3. Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Mueller, second by Commissioner Boe, to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2010, meeting, as amended to include under agenda item #5 "explore partnership options for projects such as the renovation of the Klein Mansion and historic designations within the Jonathan neighborhood".

Motion carried.

4. Presentation: Pat Smith, City consultant for updating the walking tour brochure grant project
Pat Smith presented.

Commissioner Lisa asked if the consultant contract included funds for printing and he said yes.

Commissioner Boe asked if the HPC would see the document throughout the process and the consultant said yes.

The City Planner mentioned that the draft document would be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Merker asked if the map would be interactive and the City Planner said this would be a future project that could build on this great foundational project.

5. Jonathan National Historic District

Commissioner Boe read two motions for discussion and approval:

- 1) Motion of the Chaska HPC to recommend designation of the Lake Village area of the former Jonathan development as a historic district within the city of Chaska; and
- 2) Motion to request the Chaska City Council approve this designation of a new historic district and begin the process of designating the Lake Village area of the former Jonathan development as a historic district within the City of Chaska.

Commissioner Boe clarified the boundary for the proposed Jonathan Lake Village Historic District, which is as follows: south from the intersection of Highway 41 and Pioneer Trail to the intersection of Highway 41 and Highway 212, then along the northern edge of Highway 212 to the point where it meets the former Victoria Drive (now partly a trail) and north and west along the former Victoria Drive to its intersection with the Twin Cities and Western railroad, then north and east along the railroad to its intersection with McKnight Road, then south on McKnight Road to its intersection with Pioneer Trail, then east along Pioneer Trail to its intersection with Highway 41.

Commissioner Mueller asked why the industrial park area of Chaska was not included in the proposed historic district and Commissioner Boe said this area was not included in the original Jonathan Development Corporation Lake Village brochure.

Commissioner Mueller suggested adding McKnight Park and Lake Grace areas to the historic district as well as adding "New Town" to the district name (Jonathan New Town Lake Village Historic District) to Motion #1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boe, second by Commissioner Lisa to adopt Motion #1, as amended by Commissioner Mueller.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Merker suggested adding language to Motion #2, indicating that HPC should seek approval from the property owners in Jonathan as well.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boe, second by Commissioner Bohn, to adopt Motion #2, as amended by Commissioner Merker.

6. Discussion: HPC Goals & Objectives for 2011 and beyond

Commissioner said that she wanted to keep exploring Legacy funding partnerships.

Commissioner Mueller mentioned that he was concerned about the tile roof of the Klein Mansion and Commissioner Bohn said she wanted to make sure the HPC was kept in the loop on the mansion.

Commissioner Mueller also mentioned how important it is to have a pre-approved historic color palette.

Commissioner Lisa added that this would help the general public to see the Commission as help rather than a hurdle.

Commissioner Bohn suggested starting an HPC blog that people can add pertinent historic information to or advice on renovating historic structures.

The City Planner mentioned that goals discussed in previous years included nominating the rest of the Chaska brick buildings in Chaska that fit into the designation criteria as outlined in the Heritage Preservation chapter.

Commissioner Merker suggested going into the field to provide important information to homeowners so as to be a resource.

Commissioner Bohn suggested asking the Herald to include a story that outlines what the HPC does and she also suggested having a meeting that would specifically be held to have a discussion with the community and hear their concerns.

Commissioner Boe suggested inviting people to speak at the HPC meetings in order to educate the public regarding historic materials, renovation ideas, etc.

Commissioner Boe also suggested adding the house located at the end of Oak Street that former Chairperson Commissioner Calder had previously mentioned.

Commissioner Merker suggested the creation of an HPC newsletter, which could include the articles that Commissioner Boe has written on historic homes in downtown Chaska.

The City Planner suggested she create a list of goals and objectives that have been discussed to date and compile them into one document for review. Finalizing the items will occur at an upcoming HPC meeting.

7. Recommendation to City Council for HPC Chairperson

Commissioner Bohn recommended Commissioner Boe as Chairperson and Commissioner Mueller as Vice-Chair, second by Commissioner Kalscheuer.

Motion passed.

8. Other Business

- a. Downtown Master Plan Open House on February 16th from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Chaska Community Center
- b. The Stege-Klammer residence article is ready for publication in the Chaska Today
- c. The possibility of placing the previously written historic articles on the Chaska city website

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM, with a motion made by Commissioner Boe, second by Commissioner Mueller.

Motion carried.